

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the Legislative Council to assign to an appropriate study committee the topic of Indiana's 811 laws.

Whereas, So-called "811 laws" are designed to prevent damage to property and injury to individuals by requiring contractors conducting excavations to determine the location of underground resources and utilities before beginning work with the help of a statewide database of facility locations, created in part using information provided by the utilities themselves; and,

Whereas, If utility companies do not correctly identify the location of their underground facilities, the usefulness of Indiana's 811 is mitigated, and contractors and members of the general public may be at risk for injury: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the



Legislative Council to assign to an appropriate committee for interim study the topic of the effectiveness of Indiana's 811 laws, with particular focus on how current law may be modified to increase worker safety and ensure an equitable distribution of responsibility between contractors and utility providers for fulfilling the laws' requirements.

